

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods in wireless communications devices, for example, cellular handsets, including receiving a network control message (224), forcing an active packet session into a dormancy state in response to receiving the network control message (226), suspending a dormancy timer after receiving the network control message (230), and starting the dormancy timer upon completion of an event, for example, a voice pre-emption, that precipitated suspension of the active packet session.